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G.O. No. 671-P.H.

DATED 12-3-1934

[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Question - Male medical officer for the Maternity Ward of the Women and Children Hospital, Mangalore.

Council Office
18-12-33

Starred question.

Khan Bahadur Mahmud Sahammad Sahib Bahadur
THE LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

*723. Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state: -

(a) whether it is a fact that there are two women doctors in the Women and Children's hospital at Mangalore and yet a medical man who is an honorary surgeon is put in charge of the maternity ward;

(b) whether the two women doctors have been found ~~are~~ not competent to be in charge of the maternity ward;

(c) if so, whether the Government proposes to appoint a competent woman doctor to be in charge of the maternity ward either in addition to or in the place of one of the two women doctors;

(d) if not, whether they propose to put the maternity ward under one of these women doctors;

(e) whether there is any proposal before the Govt. ~~they propose~~ to appoint for this hospital as honorary surgeon a woman instead of a man as soon as a qualified woman is available?

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Council Office. L.S.G.(P.H.)Department

Starred Question.

Draft answer.

Khan Bahadur Mahmud Schammad Sahib Bahadur

728*. Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state-

(a) whether it is a fact that there are two women doctors in the Women and Children's Hospital at Mangalore and yet a medical man who is an honorary surgeon is put in charge of the maternity ward;

(a) Yes.

(b) whether the two women doctors have been found not competent to be in charge of the maternity ward;

(b) The women doctors are competent ~~enough~~ and attend to labour cases including the application of forceps. The Honorary Surgeon is ~~employed because~~ a specialist in midwifery ~~and attends to labour cases along with the women doctors.~~ with English qualifications.

(c) whether there is any proposal before the Government to appoint for this hospital as honorary surgeon a woman instead of a man as soon as a qualified woman is available?

(c) No.

Appointment of a male Medical officer to be in charge of the Maternity ward of the Women and Children's Hospital, Mangalore.

605 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact, that there are two women doctors in the Women and Children's Hospital at Mangalore and yet a medical man who is an honorary surgeon is put in charge of the maternity ward;

(*b*) whether the two women doctors have been found not competent to be in charge of the maternity ward; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to appoint for this hospital as honorary surgeon a woman instead of a man as soon as a qualified woman is available?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The women doctors are competent and attend to labour cases including the application of forceps. The Honorary Surgeon is however a specialist in midwifery with English qualifications.

(*c*) No.

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I know, Sir, whether there is any proposal before the Government to appoint as honorary surgeon a woman doctor instead of a man, as soon as possible, as the Government must be aware of the difficulties experienced by Gosha ladies on account of a man being put in charge of the maternity ward?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"There is no proposal to appoint a honorary lady doctor, because none are available. Besides, there are two Government lady doctors in the hospital."

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"But they are not put in charge of the maternity ward, while the male doctor is put in charge?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"No, Sir; they are really doing the work Because we obtained a male honorary doctor, we appointed him as honorary surgeon."

OPEN LETTER TO KHAN BAHDUR MOHAMMED SCHAMNAD SAHEB BAHADUR, M.L.C.

(Re: His Remarks in the Legislative Council, Madras, against a male Honorary Doctor serving in the Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore).

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I beg to point out to you that you made certain remarks in the Legislative Council, Madras, without consulting the Public opinion, in general, or even the opinion of Mohammadens in the above matter; so you had to keep silent when the Government replied.

As a case in point, I may state that my wife Halim Bee was in very severe labour pains for 3 or 4 days. The Buntwal Mid.wife could not give her any relief, and so my wife was brought to Lady Goschen Hospital by Bus at 11 in the night on 12-2-1934 in a hopeless condition. The Lady Doctor on duty, informed me that the patient was in a dangerous condition. Dr. M. Shivarau was sent for. Dr. M. Shivarau, even at that late hour, came immediately to the Hospital and performed coesarian operation. She is now safe and sound. I believe that my wife was saved by his timely help.

Another Mohammedan Lady of high rank was also brought to the hospital when my wife was a patient there. The party also sent for Dr. M. Shivarau, but rather too late. For, unfortunately, she had succumbed by the time he arrived.

I need not say that in difficult labour cases this Doctor is of great help to the poor sufferers of all communities without distinction - Muslims and non-muslims and he renders help ungrudgingly.

Under these circumstances, you are in honor bound to explain your action to the Public.

Kunhi Ahmed Baery.
Kalladka,
Golta Majlu Village,
Buntwal Post,
6-3-1934.

I am,
Yours truly,

1. Copy to the Hon'ble President, Legislative Council, Madras.
2. -do- Surgeon-General to the Government of Madras, Madras.
3. -do- Secretary, Local Self-Government Department, Government of Madras, Madras.
4. -do- The District Medical Officer, S.K., Mangalore.
5. -do- Dr. M. Shiva Rau.
6. -do- Khan Bahadur Mohammed Schamnad Saheb Bahadur, M.L.C.

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Law Dept. III-8—2,000—25-5-33.

QUESTION.—No. 728 for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 29th Jan 1934.

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the L.Sg. Department.

The Question has been admitted.

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DEPUTY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 21 DEC 1933 LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT DEPT.

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U.O. No. , *dated*

5-1-34

To

The L Sg Department.

The question is Starred. L&E (MH) Dept

2. Clause (a) of the question.

There are two women Sub assistant surgeons and an Honorary Physician in the Lady Goschen Hospital, Rangoon. It is not known whether he is in charge of the maternity ward.

3. Clause (b) of the question.

The Sg may be consulted in the matter. ~~A draft memo is submitted for approval.~~

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4. Clause (c) of the question: No proposal to appoint a woman honorary surgeon for the hospital is pending with the Govt.

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No.R.32-E.

Surgeon-General's Office,
dated 25th January 1934.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
26 JAN 1934
LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT DEPT.

Legislative Council Question No. 728.

(a) It is a fact that there are two women doctors in the Women and Children's Hospital, Mangalore. There is also an Honorary Surgeon in charge of the mater-nity ward who attends to the labour cases along with the women doctors. All other major operations other than purely maternity cases are being attended to by the District Medical Officer who is also the Superin-tendent of the Hospital. The Honorary Surgeon is one having English qualifications who has specialised in Midwifery.

(b) The women doctors are competent but the Honorary doctor is in the capacity of a specialist. The women doctors also attend to labour cases including the application of forceps and if any woman patient has any objection to a male doctor attending on her, she may ex-ercise her option and have the women doctors to attend on her.

(c) There is no other women practitioners in the town and if one is available there would be no ob-jection to having her on the honorary staff.

To

The Secy., to Govt.,
L.S.G.(P.H) Dept..
Madras.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
30 JAN 1934
LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT DEPT.

S. 29. (P.H.) Dept.

A draft answer is submitted for approval.

C.No. 10493 from Khan Bahadur Beary No. nil 26-3.34.
Please see the Spl. letter on p.4 cf. in regard to the usefulness of the
ordinary bungalow. A printed copy of the Question and
answer has been added to the file. The
supplementary questions and answers
do not call for any action. The papers
may be

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